



November 29, 2021

Mr. Michael Seiwerath, Executive Director  
SouthEast Effective Development (SEED)  
COAST Property Management

Dear Mr. Seiwerath and Management of SEED and COAST:

Faith and civic leaders in the city of Seattle have brought to our attention concerns expressed by residents of Rainier Court about pending rental increases and deteriorated living conditions in the apartments. In light of COVID-19, any rental increases over the next year will cause hardship for primarily elderly and low-income tenants. To consider rental increases when cries for needed maintenance and repair have gone unanswered is unacceptable and immoral.

One tenant expressed a call for better security, a cleaner environment, rent equity and a show of respect and dignity. These are basic requests that go alongside of common decency demands that the residents have made. Management has a responsibility to address these demands fully and promptly. Certainly, mission-driven organizations like yours know this. Justice is the fruit of action that offers redress for harms done.

On behalf of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, physically located in the Rainier Valley, we urge you to listen to tenants and respond without delay to maintenance, conditions, and rental concerns they have voiced to you and then to respond transparently and effectively to these concerns.

Ultimately, Rainier Court ought to be a model of partnership between owner/manager and residents. Restoring trust through capable action on behalf of the people who seek to thrive in these challenging times would be an important first step in the direction of renewed relationships, putting the human dignity of residents first.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Michael Ramos  
Executive Director